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## **HOONAH COUPLE CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

Juneau, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on November 30, 2007, after deliberating two hours, a jury of seven women and five men found Rollin Lee Spencer guilty of two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and Suzanne Denise Rollier guilty of one count of being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm.

Spencer and Rollier were tried before Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick in Juneau.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Schroder, who prosecuted the case, the evidence presented at trial established that Spencer, who was convicted in Oregon in 1998 for sexual abuse in the first degree, and Rollier, an alien from Canada illegally in the United States, both possessed 11 firearms, including ammunition. Chief Judge Sedwick also ordered forfeiture of the firearms.

Chief Judge Sedwick scheduled sentencing for February 5, 2008, in Juneau. The law provides for a total sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both for each of the offenses. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based on the seriousness of the offenses and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court continued the confinement of both Spencer and Rollier.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Alaska State Troopers, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Hoonah Police Department conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Spencer and Rollier.

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